**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**June 16, 2025**

Present: Mayor Richard Waterman Attorney: Robert J. Allan (absent)

Deputy Mayor Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Mark Eckert

Trustee James Lighton 9 people in attendance

Mayor Richard Waterman opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The next Board meeting is July 21, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Waterman stated Attorney Bob Allan is not able to attend the meeting tonight due to recovering from an injury.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton, the Board opened the Public Hearing at 5:01 p.m. and waived the reading of the Public Notice as follows:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that there has been presented to the Village of Camillus Board of Trustees ("Village Board"), on June 2, 2025, an application for final Site Plan and Special Permit approval of the Sonbyrne Sales, Inc. (a/k/a Byrne Dairy) development project creating a 4,232 square foot convenience store with eight fueling positions (the "Project").

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Village Board declared itself lead agency and determined that the proposed action is an unlisted action.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Village Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Project relating to all site plan, permit and SEQRA issues at Village Hall located at 37 Main Street in the Village of Camillus on June 16, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested will be heard. All Project materials are available for open inspection at the Office of Village Clerk by appointment, and communications in relation thereto may be filed, in writing, with the Village Board either before or at the hearing.

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RICHARD A. WATERMAN, MAYOR

Village of Camillus

Chris Brunelle, Byrne Dairy, and Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan discussed proposed pedestrian access from the Village center to the site. Mr. Brunelle stated the “future path by others” was taken from Barton & Loguidice plan from the trail and he does not have any influence over the proposed path and stated the Village Board may have more say in the proposed path. He superimposed his Byrne Dairy onto the Barton & Loguidice plan. Mr. Reagan stated the Village feels that part of the site plan should include getting pedestrians from the center of the Village to Byrne Dairy. Mr. Brunelle stated the County right-of-way is on both sides and he is willing to do whatever is needed to have a safe pedestrian crossing. Trustee Lighton asked who was paying for the lights on both sides of the crossing. Mr. Brunelle stated he thought the County would take care of the lights for the trail, but Onondaga County DOT will spec the design later and if the condition falls on him to be responsible for the lights, he will provide them.

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert, the Board unanimously approved, the Board moved out of the Public Hearing at 5:09 p.m.

Mayor Waterman gave a brief explanation of the Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEFA) before reviewing the SEFA Part 2 Impact Assessment and Part 3 Determination of Significance. All the answers were “No, or small impact may occur” except number two: Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of land? The answer was “Moderate to large impact may occur.” For the Part 3 Determination of Significance, the response was “…the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.”

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert, the Board unanimously approved the final Site Plan application with the conditional approval of the SWPPP Review.

Upon motion of Trustee Lighton, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo, the Board unanimously approved the Special Permit for Sonbyrne Sales (a/k/a Byrne Dairy) development project creating a 4,232 square foot convenience store with eight fueling positions (the "Project").

Chief Fred Isgar asked if the fire department could do multiple walkthroughs during the different phases to become familiar with the panels and layout of the building. Mr. Brunelle stated the fire department could walk through and he would show them where the shutoffs are and anything else they would need to know. Chief Isgar asked if there were any days Byrne Dairy is closed. The store will be open every day. Chief Isgar also asked if Byrne Dairy accepts POs for payment. Mr. Brunelle stated the store will accept POs and will also donate water to fire departments in emergencies.

The pre-demolition asbestos survey has been completed, and demolition is out for bid. Mr. Reagan asked if there was an estimated time for construction drawings. Mr. Brunelle estimated about two weeks for the drawings to be completed. The demolition should occur in July with Thanksgiving as an opening date. Mr. Brunelle stated after the asbestos has been removed, the fire department could use the building for training purposes, but Chief Isgar would need to courtesy contact 911 in advance in case the public called in an emergency at the location during their training usage. Mr. Reagan stated he would need to go down to identify any hazards prior to commencing training. There will not be any new hydrants.

Upon motion of Trustee Mark Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo, the Board opened the Public Hearing and waived the reading of the Public Notice as follows:

**VILLAGE OF CAMILLUS BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE** **IS** **HEREBY** **GIVEN** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Camillus, Onondaga County, New York, will conduct a Public Hearing to consider a Local Law entitled “A local law to modify the Code of the Village of Camillus to limit vehicular parking on portions of First Street on certain days and times”.

The Public Hearing will be at the Village Hall, 37 Main Street, in the Village of Camillus, on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 5:00 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be heard.

Information regarding the proposed local law is open to inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk by appointment. Any communications in relation thereto must be made in writing and may be filed with the Board of Trustees either before or at the hearing.

June 2, 2025

RICHARD A. WATERMAN, Mayor

Village of Camillus

Mayor Waterman stated there have been several complaints about parking on First Street in the evenings, primarily on Friday nights, due to Soccer Shots at Munro Park. Emergency vehicles would have a difficult time getting through in the event of an emergency. Attorney Allan proposed the following: All parking on both sides of First Street from Newport Road to Leroy Street from 4:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. on all Fridays when soccer season is in session will be prohibited. Available, however, are six parking spots indented on the north side of First Street.

Trustee Mark Eckert thought there were more parking issues up to Bingham Place. Trustee Ann Eckert stated there were problems at the bend near the school. Bill Morse asked if parking were eliminated, would not people just park further down the road. Chief Isgar asked about the residents. Mayor Waterman stated everyone on First Street has driveways on that side. Corey Forsenca, Soccer Shots, has not sent payment for the session starting on June 27, 2025. Trustee Ann Eckert and Trustee Mark Eckert asked about not renewing the Munro Park agreement. Trustee Mark Eckert stated we would have to hire someone to enforce the parking or have the police come down and issue tickets. A discussion was held regarding parking concerns on First Street. Mayor Waterman stated the Village was unaware Soccer Shots has been using our park for years and charging people for classes and paying other locations and municipalities. The Village Board became aware of the program using our park and that it was not WOYSA. The Village Board would like Mr. Fonseca to attend the next Board Meeting. The Clerk stated the next session begins on June 27, 2025, and we received the updated insurance certificate but not the spring session payment. Mayor Waterman will contact Corey Fonseca.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Lighton, the Board unanimously approved the Board moved out of the Public Hearing at 5:33 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton, the Board unanimously approved the Board moved to table the Public Hearing until July 21, 2025.

**Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan stated Apple Auto had 34 cars last week during operating hours which is within the limit. Mr. Reagan is still working on a couple of unlicensed vehicles on Elm Street. Mayor Waterman stated the lawn at 53 North Street has been cut but it is not down to where it should be. Trustee Ann Eckert asked about the proposed future liquor store on the agenda. Mr. Reagan stated the owner is not ready to submit the application as he needs a formal site plan and survey. The Clerk asked about excessive dog barking complaints. Mr. Reagan sent a letter to the owners but if the problem is not resolved, the person should contact animal control.

**Camillus Fire Department**

Chief Fred Isgar stated there is a NFPA state fire class for live burns tonight at the fire station. This class will be well attended as it is difficult to get state classes. Chief Isgar stated the fire department participated in a community event block party this past weekend at Thompson Landing. Fire trucks were on display. Response times have improved over the last few weeks. Chief Isgar stated the CFD Clerk, Sue Heselton, will be covering for the Village Clerk on a couple Mondays and Fridays, and asked if she will still be able to work her hours at the Camillus Fire Department. Mayor Waterman stated Ms. Heselton could work the Village hours in addition to her Camillus Fire Department hours so as she is not taking away from the fire department.

The fire department has 195 alarms for the year. They are ready for the Family Fun Picnic on July 19, 2025. Mayor Waterman reminded Chief Isgar about the Chamber of Commerce meeting on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Byrne Dairy will provide water for the event.

Trustee Mark Eckert asked about the reflective markings not being on the fire trucks stating he has not found any lawsuits regarding an issue with having fire department markings on the fire department vehicles. Trustee Mark Eckert requested documentation on problems with fire departments having marked vehicles. Chief Isgar stated in three of these cases there were issues where someone has stated they were waiting for the fire department to hit their vehicle because they felt the fire department has money to cover any damages. Chief Isgar will look for information and stated the Chiefs could revisit the markings on vehicles. Trustee Mark Eckert would like there to be reflective striping somewhere on the back of the vehicles at the very least. Further discussion was had and Chief Isgar stated they would discuss this among the Chiefs and bring the information back to the next meeting.

Trustee Rinaldo stated Richard Maus sends his thanks for saving his house. Trustee Rinaldo asked Chief Hartford, Sr for the serial numbers from the exercise equipment again as the Board has not received them after the past couple of requests.

Mayor Waterman stated Chief Joe DiFabio sent an email response regarding the proposed Employee Policy Handbook and mentioned the edits Chief DiFabio had suggested. Chief Isgar stated he and Chief Hartford, Sr have reviewed the policy individually but had not had a chance to review the handbook as a group or review Chief DiFabio’s suggestions at this time. They will be prepared to go over the handbook at the next meeting.

Engineer Bill Morse stated he is working with Chief DiFabio on specifications for the exhaust system and asked if the Board had authorized the exhaust system to go out for bid. The Board has not authorized going out for bid.

**Engineer Report**

Engineer Bill Morse stated Casinella will begin work on Elm Street at the end of June. The Clerk stated the Village has the funds to cover the estimated $48,500 each for three spots on Elm Street. Mayor Waterman asked Mr. Morse to provide DPW Supervisor Jason Fudala with the stormwater drains which need to be repaired. He would like to know which drains the Village can repair and which ones we need to hire someone to repair because they are too bad. We would like to repair these this summer.

**Public Comments**

Belle Brown asked who supplied the funds for the “Slow Down” signs on Elm Street, and can you place more on other streets. A discussion was had about adding more speed warning signs to other roads in the Village.

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Waterman stated the $125,000 for the canal trail grant was approved and will be used for the cost of the survey. The Village will be responsible for selecting the company to do the survey.

Tony Ross, Bill Morse, and Mayor Waterman decided on the placement for the new sidewalk at Munro Park with the CNY Community Foundation grant.

Mayor Waterman stated we have spent $68,321 for Riccelli to pave the roads; the funds come out of CHIPS and Community Development, $20,821 for TAPCO crosswalk lighting from CHIPS and $6,900 for topsoil and seeding of Munro Park will also come out of CHIPS. The remaining $12,407.00 will be spent installing the bases for the four crosswalks and replacing two blind plates at the crosswalk at LeRoy and Genesee Street.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo, the Board unanimously approved paying $6,900.00 for topsoil and seeding Munro Park by Environmental Paving.

**Approval of Vouchers**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding the vouchers.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #12 was approved as follows:

General: $51,864.33

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Waterman asked if there were any questions regarding June 2, 2025, Minutes. There were none.

Upon motion of Trustee Rinaldo, seconded by Trustee Mark Eckert and unanimously approved the minutes of June 2, 2025, were approved.

**New Business**

Trustee Ann Eckert asked about setting a date for the Village Tree Lighting. The Board set the

date for the Tree Lighting on December 6, 2025.

Upon motion of Trustee Ann Eckert, seconded by Trustee Lighton, and unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Carrie Grooms

Clerk/Treasurer